NCC Minutes 2/18/08

Open 7:10 p.m.

Present: A. Watts, L. Hill, S. Shope, R. Konisky, L. Carroll, D. Mason, Selectman W. Moore, Guest T. Walker

1) Ongoing Business:

- a) Treasurer's report: A. Watts motions to accept, seconded by L. Carroll, all in favor YES.
- b) Minutes 1/21/08: A. Watts motions to accept as amended, seconded by D. Mason, all in favor YES.

2) Prime Wetlands:

- Subset of people very opposed and others not well informed.
- W. Moore's impression is that there is not organized opposition but that we should send out another letter to try to educate the public better. There probably will be a letter in opposition going out just before election day.
- S. Shope spoke with B. Hallinan who is concerned that this will effect snowmobile trails. Steve asked M. West who replied that it should not. S. Shope also said that many people in his neighborhood had questions.
- Things we need to do:
 - -Post FAQ sheet
 - -A. Watts will have another letter drafted and ready to go if needed.
 - -Article or letter to the editor in Exeter Newsletter.
 - -Possibly hold signs outside of town hall on election day.
- 3) Projects for T. Walker- funding from the coastal project available 6/08
 - Educating people about septic systems
 - EPA's Brownfields project- Surveys being done to identify possible sites for cleanup. There are 2 potential places in Newfields.
 - 1) College Auto site- If contamination found, potential developer can apply to Brownfields for grant to help clean up.
 - 2) Old Kingston-Warren buildings: Federal funds may also be available. Site could be place for affordable housing, shops, etc.

4) Easements:

-Funding for the Greenway and Haughton easements from DES Water Supply Land Grant program is contingent on submitting a monitoring report that was due 1/31/08. We need a system to remember to do these. T. Walker feels they should have notified us also. W. Moore suggests N. Spencer puts this on the calendar. A. Watts would like the Selectman to submit an annual request from the NCC for monitoring reports each September.

- 4) Easements (cont.)
 - K. Rubin will help us put together a form and monitoring report for the Greenway.
 - We still have not done a baseline for Haughton.
 - Lastly, how do we monitor? T. Walker says that many communities pay someone (i.e. SLT) to do this. NHEP has a community technical assistance program with grants available to pay for this. A. Watts agrees we could apply for this as well as putting this on the NCC budget.
- 5) Chair? A. Watts term as chair is up at the end of March. Need someone to replace her.
- 6) Next meeting: 3/17/08